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SUBJECT: CCMS VISIT OF GEOTHERMAL EXPERTS TO JAPAN

REF: (A) TOKYO 4395 (B) STATE 068682, (C) USNATO 1861,

(D) STATE 069315

1. WATNABLE INFORMED SCICOUNS ON APRIL 8 THAT PAPER RECOMMENDING ACCEPTANCE OF GEOTHERMAL ENERGY VISIT (REF A) HAD BEEN CIRCULATED TO TOP LEVEL OF FONOFF AND THAT GOJ PREPARED TO ACCEPT VISIT SUBJECT TO UNDERSTANDING THAT THE VISIT HAS NO CONNECTION WITH THE USE OF GEOTHERMALENERGY FOR MILITARY PURPOSES (SCICOUNS ASSURED WATANABLE THAT THIS UNDERSTANDING CORRECT); AND SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

A) THAN ANY PRESS INQUIRIES WOULD BE REFERRED TO EMBASSY AND EMBASSY RESPONSE WOULD STATE THAT GROUP'S VISIT WAS NOT IN ANY SENSE RELATED TO CCMS ACTIVITY.

B) THAT US WOULD SECURE ASSURANCES FROM EACH GROUP MEMBER

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THAT IT WOULD RESPOND TO PRESS INQUIRIES IN A SIMILAR MANNER.

(WATNAABE REQUESTED THAT THIS BE ACCOMPLISHED BEFORE MEMBERS ARRIVE IN TOKYO.)

C) THAT IN THE EVENT OF QUESTIONS BEING RAISED IN DIET, GOJ COULD RESPOND THAT IT HAD CONSULTED USG ON MATTER, AND HAD BEEN ASSURED THAT VISIT IN NO WAY CONNECTED WITH CCMS ACTIVITIES.

D) THAT VISITS TO SPECIFIC FIELD LOCATIONS (HOKKAIDO, OITA AND SHIZUOKA) STILL DEPEND ON CLEARANCE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR PROJECTS TO BE VISITED AND THAT IN EVENT ANY OF THESE INVOLVED OPPOSITION PARTIES, PROBLEMS MIGHT ARISE. THEREFORE, FIELD VISITS NOT YET FIRM.

2. WATANABE ALSO STATED THAT GOJ DECISION BASED IN SUBSTANTIAL MEASURE ON THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT NON-NATO COUNTRIES WERE PARTICIPATING IN VISIT. IMPLICATION WAS THAT IF THIS EXPECTATION NOT REALIZED, DIFFICULTIES COULD ARISE. HE ALSO STATED ACTION IN THIS CASE WAS BASED ON SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASE, AND STRESSED THAT THERE WAS NO RPT NO CHANGE IN GOJ POSITION THAT IT WILL NOT IN ANY SENSE PARTICIPATE IN A CCMS ACTIVITY.

3. SUBJECT TO RESERVATION OF PARA 1 (D), VISIT WOULD CONSIST, AS REQUESTED, OF OPENING DISCUSSIONS ON APRIL 22 WITH AIST, JAPAN GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, AND JAPAN GEOTHERMAL ENERGY ASSOCIATION, FOLLOWED BY FIELD VISITS ON APRIL 23 AND 24, AND FINAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SAME AGENCIES ON APRIL 25. DUE TO LARGE DISTANCES BETWEEN SITES TO BE VISITED, GROUP WOULD SPLIT INTO THREE PARTS, EACH COVERING ONE AREA, AND COMPARE NOTES ON RETURN. TECHNICAL AGENCIES CONCERNED FURTHER REQUEST FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF GROUP.

A) COMPOSITION OF GROUP.

B) MORE DETAIL ON SUBJECT MATTER TO BE COVERED DURING DISCUSSIONS.

C) US DOCUMENTS RELATING TO SUBJECT MATTER OF DISCUSSIONS, PREFERABLY TO BE MADE AVAILABLE BEFORE GROUP ARRIVES.

4. SCICONS TOOK OPPORTUNITY OF CONVERSATION TO TELL WATANABE THAT NEW ZEALAND MEETING ITSELF NOT REGARDED AS CCMS ACTIVITY (RE C) AND INVITED HIM TO RECONSIDER ATTENDANCE OF JAPANESE EXPERTS. THIS ELICITED NO RESPONSE.

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5. ACTION REQUESTED: ADVISE WHETHER EMBASSY AUTHORIZED TO AGREE TO CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN PARA 1 AND, IF SO, PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED IN PARA 3.
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